

## COMMENT FORM

Public Scoping Meetings

We need your input. Please take a few minutes to provide your comments or questions for the USDA RUS Federal Environmental Impact Statement process and return your completed form today or mail by July 25, 2009. Your comments help in the planning and implementation of the project. **Thank you.**

Completing this form will automatically add you to our mailing list. If you prefer to not be on the mailing list, please check the box below.

☐ I do not wish to be on the project mailing list

Which meeting did you attend? Watched on TV - Winona City Hall

Please check the following issues that are important to you for transmission line siting.

- ☐ Project Purpose and Need
- ☒ Visual / Aesthetic resources
- ☒ Proximity to residences
- ☒ Land use (agriculture, residential, recreation)
- ☒ Water resources (floodplains, river crossings)
- ☒ Biological resources (wildlife habitat, raptors)
- ☒ Historic and cultural sites
- ☒ Radio or television interference
- ☒ Noise
- ☒ Health and safety
- ☒ Other: See Document

What additional key issues should be addressed when assessing the potential impacts of this project?

1. Court challenges and legal costs of valuations for taken/condemned property in a municipal environment.
2. Impact on housing and future development for residential, agricultural, and industrial land use needs.
3. Impact on the number of potential jobs lost.
4. Impact on the potential loss of tourist infusion into the community.
5. Impact on safety issues such as downed lines from tornadoes, ice storms and various other safety concerns for individuals, schools, and industries.
6. Impact on communications (cell phones) and health concerns.

Hampton • Rochester • La Crosse 345 kV Transmission Project

If you own property in one of the proposed corridors, please indicate all the existing uses of your property below:

- ☐ Agriculture ☒ Residential ☐ Conservation Easement  
☐ Commercial ☐ Industrial ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Please describe any special uses or circumstances on your property that should be considered when assessing the Project. Please indicate the location of your property.

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2. The distance from my property is within a couple of blocks or very close proximity to my property damaging the current and future land use of this area. It would diminish my homes value and ability to sell it at all or for it's true financial value creating a significant monetary loss on my investment.
3. I have a very fragile health and any additional electromagnetic forces could result in further damage to my immune system resulting in premature death. It would be a concern for anyone's health.
4. My husband is an amateur radio operator and the electromagnetic forces including the associated radiation

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In your opinion, what are the most sensitive resources (biological, cultural, recreational,

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2. The bluffs are also to be protected because it was the home to the Dakota Indians and there are concerns and evidence that their may be burial sights in the bluff ridge line caves and valley Native American artifacts that might be damaged in the proposed power line project.
3. From a biological standpoint, I am not only concerned about the regional and migrating birds, rare or endangered animals and delicate and perhaps endangered plant species in the proposed path of these lines, but I am very concerned about the health and human exposure to the electromagnetic forces and radiation. The proposed lines would be within blocks of our Middle School, and would expose and endanger the young lives of all of our entire school district children. It is also within, I believe a mile of our Vocational School. It has been proven in research studies that these line have been a contributing factor in the rise of Leukemia and Chronic Fatigue Immune Deficiency Syndrome as presented at the International CFS Conference in Madison, Wisconsin in 2006. I still have the research paper in my file. Our most valuable resource is the lives and health of our children.
4. Land use for future industrial and residential expansion in our community would be significantly damaged with enormous financial loss to the city and adjacent townships land owners. We have very precious little land as it is and to have this taken away from us either directly or by proximity to the lines would be devastating.
5. These lines would also more than likely interfere with sensitive electronic equipment used in our manufacturing plants and also expose our workers to potential spark and static electrical interference or fires with combustible materials adjacent to the lines. There is a large ethanol distributing facility, polymer composites, and sensitive electronic manufacturing in the immediate proximity to the lines. This could be a dangerous and damaging mix. Another valuable resource at risk are jobs and the safety of workers.

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#### I-169-001

Your comment has been noted. Potential impacts to human and livestock health and safety with regard to EMF will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

The Draft Environmental Impact Statement will be available on the RUS website at: <http://www.usda.gov/rus/water/ees/eis.htm>. Comments on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement will be solicited after its publication.

#### I-169-002

Your comment has been noted. Potential impacts to social and economic resources will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

#### I-169-003

Your comment has been noted. Potential impacts to human and livestock health and safety will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

**In your opinion, was the project description, purpose, and need for the project adequately explained? If not, what additional information is needed?**

Document is attached.

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2. There was no discussion of the use of hydroelectric generation along the Mississippi River water way at the existing dams that have been built to accommodate electrical generation. (I know the engineer that was in charge of the renovation of several of the dams in recent years).
3. There was no discussion of the East and West Coast Blackouts due to just one inline problem that took the whole grid system down a few years ago. With regional isolated grids with several smaller strategically placed power plants, wind, solar, water and clean coal (new scrubbers) along with new technology nuclear, we could minimize the safety of the whole country not going black.
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**Please tell us how to reach you.**

**CONTACT INFORMATION**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Representing (Optional): \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

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*Public participation for the Federal, Minnesota, and Wisconsin permitting processes will be ongoing for the Hampton- Rochester- La Crosse 345 kV Transmission Project. If you sign up for the mailing list, you will be notified when opportunities to participate are being planned.*

*Please plan to continue your involvement in the process and provide your comments. We appreciate your input.*

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June 29<sup>th</sup>, 2009

Re: Public Scoping Meeting For An Environmental Impact Statement  
CAPX2020 Hampton-Rochester-La Crosse 345-KV Transmission Line Project


To the CAPX2020 Administrative Body:

I oppose the development of the **CAPX2020 Hampton-Rochester-La Crosse 345-KV Transmission Line Project** through the proposed Winona corridor which will cross the Mississippi River.

Negative Impacts include:

- 1) Environmental issues associated with the increased electromagnetic forces along the route of the proposed Winona corridor. The environmental issues include plant and wildlife species.
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- 3) Impact on residential development along the proposed Winona corridor.  
  
The limited amount of residential land available limits the development of a strong industrial base. The lack of housing diminishes the opportunity for manufacturing development.
- 4) Impact on manufacturing development along the proposed Winona Corridor; and, the concurrent decrease in manufacturing positions.
- 5) Tourism will experience the negative aspect as related to the natural beauty of this area; including the bluff lands.

Sincerely yours,



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My property:

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4. My husband is an amateur radio operator and the electromagnetic forces including the associated radiation would significantly impair his radio reception or broadcasting. He also has used his abilities and station for civil defense and emergency services which have been vital for storm and other emergency services to our region.
5. The power lines would probably interfere with our radio and TV reception since the main TV, Radio, and Internet service line is not buried in our area leaving it fully exposed in the air to noise interference creating fuzzy TV pictures as well as radio static and internet difficulties with grounding etc.

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#### I-169-004

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